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### **COUNCIL URGES CITY AND STATE TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

The Honolulu City Council today adopted Resolution 19-295, which requests that the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) work with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to study, analyze, and make recommendations on how contraflow lanes could be deployed in the Waipahū through ‘Aiea travel corridors.

Resolution 19-295 was introduced by Councilmember Brandon Elefante of District 8 to encourage both DTS and DOT to make recommendations on the potential use of contraflow lanes to reduce congestion, including dynamic lane use control signals, specifically on Farrington Highway and Kamehameha Highway through Waipahū, Pearl City, and ‘Aiea.

**“We need to find new and viable methods to alleviate traffic and bus congestion during peak travel times,” said Councilmember Elefante. “Some of our island’s busiest roadways run through this corridor, and our residents continue to struggle with traffic congestion. We need to come up with innovative ways to get our residents to work, school, and errands in a more efficient manner.”**

Motorists rely on contraflow lanes currently set up on certain roadways and highways during peak travel times, including Kapiolani Boulevard, Ward Avenue, Atkinson Drive, and Kalanianaʻole Highway. A 2016 traffic report for DTS recommends these existing contraflow operations be maintained, and that new contraflow operations be implemented on Dillingham Boulevard.

The Council believes contraflow lanes are an effective, cost-efficient and timely way to address traffic congestion and to ensure all modes of transportation will move more smoothly through busy corridors including future rail stations.

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